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1. ROMANIAN CENTRAL PRESS BEGINNING PARIL 8 HAS USED
DISTINCTLY LESS "SOCIALIST" TERM FOR LEADING COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS FIGURES IN GENERAL CONTEXT OF THEIR MEETINGS
WITH FOREIGN PERSONALITIES: MANEA MANESCU, COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS CHAIRMAN, IS NOT CALLED "PRIME MINISTER OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA;" SIMILARLY,
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AT LEAST TWO VICE-CHAIRMEN HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO AS "VICE

PRIME MINISTERS OF THE GOVERNMENT."

2. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS PROTOCOL OFFICE CONFIRMED TO THE EMBASSY APRIL 10 A BUCHAREST GERMAN-LANGUAGE DAILY'S REFERENCE ON SAME DAY TO GHEORGHE OPREA (REF A) AS "FIRST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER" (I.E., FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS). THIS FILLS KEY JOB OF MANESCU'S FIRST DEPUTY WITH ANOTHER CEAUSESCU INTIMATE.

3. FORMER PARTY PRESIDUM MEMBER VIRGIL TROFIN WAS INSTALLED AS PARTY FIRST SECRETARY/PEOPLES COUNCILS PRESIDENT IN BRASOV COUNTY ON APRIL 4, REPLACING CONSTANTIN DRAGAN, WHO FORMALLY TOOK UP ANALOGOUS POST IN ILFOV COUNTY ON APRIL 6. CEAUSESCU'S CHIEF PARTY LIEUTENANT FOR CADRES GHEORGHE PANA WAS ON HAND TO OVERSEE BOTH CEREMONIES. FORMER ILFOV COUNTY BOSS GHEORGHE NECULA GOES TO "OTHER WORK IN PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE."

4. BOTH TROFIN AND DRAGAN WERE NAMED TO PEOPLES COUNCILS' PRESIDENCIES BY "PRESIDENTIAL (CEAUSESCU) DECREE" RATHER THAN BY "ELECTIONS" AS FORMERLY. IN BOTH BRASOV AND ILFOV, THERE WAS ALSO SOME TURNOVER OF LESSER COUNTY LEADERS. IN BUCHAREST, MEANWHILE, MAYOR CIORA'S CHIEF DEPUTY, DUMITRU JOITA, WHO HAS BEEN WELL-KNOWN TO EMBASSY, WAS REMOVED AND ASSIGNED TO "OTHER WORK" ON APRIL 1. BARNES

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